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CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA—THE FUEL CITY OF THE FUEL STATE--SATURDAY MARCH 26 1904.

FLOOD

**SWEEPS THE MIDDLE WEST IN-
JURING SEVERAL PERSONS,
DESTROYING PROPERTY AND
TYING UP RAILROADS.**

**THOUSANDS OF MEN THROWN OUT
OF EMPLOYMENT AT SPRING-
FIELD AND FAMILIES DRIV-
EN FROM THEIR HOMES.**

**Many Imprisoned by Raging Waters—
Buildings Badly Damaged and
Street Car Traffic is
Suspended.**

By Associated Press.

Springfield, Ohio, March 26—The worst flood in the town's history is being experienced here. It has thrown thousands of men out of employment, driven twenty-five families out of their homes and imprisoned others.

Street car traffic is completely stopped. Policemen in boats removed the families in the flooded districts from their houses.

Big Four railroad trains have been stopped by a flooded track ten miles south of Dayton, and at Lockland. The washout at Durbin, on the Erie railroad, compels detouring of trains at Urbana. Detroit southern trains cannot get through the city. The track is four feet under water.

By Associated Press.

Louisville, Ky., March 26—Eight persons were injured and there was extensive damage done to city and suburban property by the storm which swept over Louisville last night. The wind reached a velocity of sixty miles an hour. Rain fell in torrents.

The street car service was suspended for several hours.

The roof of the Industrial Reform School was blown off. A portion of the roof of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' home was torn off. About one hundred and fifty houses were damaged.

By Associated Press.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 26—The heaviest rain storm in years throughout Ohio occurred last night, causing floods in all the tributaries of the Ohio river. The big Miami at Hamilton, rose fifteen feet in four hours, caused by the breaking of the reservoir at North Hamilton. Two hundred families were driven from their homes.

The paper mills are flooded and the railway and traction lines were compelled to suspend.

All towns along the Big Miami to North Bend are flooded. The same is true of towns east of Cincinnati, from Loveland to Coney Island. The Blanchard river, at Findlay, invaded the city, stopping street cars and threatened business houses.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Ind., March 26—The rainfall lasted twenty-four hours and the White river is rising rapidly. Already there have been thousands of dollars worth of damages done by the overflow of the lowlands.

By Associated Press.

Vincennes, Ind., March 26—The Wash is rising three inches an hour.

Over two hundred houses are surrounded.

The levees have broken. Factories are closed. The White river is rising rapidly.

The Evansville & Terre Haute railroad has annulled all trains.

No trains have run on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for twenty hours.

The rainfall was over six inches in twenty hours.

By Associated Press.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 26—On the west side of Grand Rapids, 2,500 residents are surrounded by water. Many streets are from three to five feet under water. The inhabitants must use boats to get about.

The Grand river this morning is the highest ever known. The cold weather is expected to check the flood.

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 26—Several hundred houses here are under water. Three hundred families have been driven from their homes.

By Associated Press.

Muskegon, Ind., March 26—The northern part of the city and the surrounding country is under water and the water works are useless. The levees are broken. The Chicago & Eastern railroad bridge is gone. The wire mill has stopped operations.

By Associated Press.

Mansfield, Ohio, March 26—The storm last night crushed the house of Dennis Soffer, near Ontario, and Melvin Soffer, 3200 thirteen years was killed. Other members of the family were released by a neighbor.

The tornado's path was several miles long. Interurban traffic from Mansfield to Crestline is interrupted.

"SQUIRE'S BANQUET"

An Elaborate Social Function Given in
Central Hotel For Squire Benedum.

Special Correspondence.

Bridgeport, W. Va., March 26—Perhaps one of the most enjoyable social functions ever held in our town was "The Squire's Banquet," given at the Central hotel, by one hundred and fifteen of Squire E. Benedum's friends, Thursday evening from 6 to 9 p. m.

Host Kester did himself proud in preparing a sumptuous banquet, at which the squire was chief toastmaster, and tho' the frosts of 86 winters have silvered his head the Squire showed that his mind was yet young and his heart right towards his fellowman. The words spoken by this remarkable man will never be forgotten by those fortunate enough to hear them. An interesting literary program had been prepared by the committee and among the speakers were Dr. W. M. Late, J. C. Johnson, Rev. B. Stout and J. W. Wilkinson. While all the program was excellent the address of Rev. Stout on education and moral training deserves special mention. It was a very able talk and enjoyed by all hearing it.

A pall of gloom was thrown over the program by the sad news of the death of Charles Benedum, the Squires' son, which caused the withdrawal of the hero of the occasion.

Those present from a distance were H. S. Byer, of Philippi, W. Va.; Will Cunningham, Wheeling, W. Va.; W. Raymond, Detroit, Mich.; W. E. Smith, Clarksburg, W. Va.; J. P. Kester and daughter, of Oral, and over a hundred of the Squires' friends and neighbors.

The unanimous wish of those present that the Squire's life be spared for many years; that there be few clouds to mar his pathway and that sunshine go with him until the purple mists of evening fall and commending his upright and honorable life to the rising youth of our land as being worthy of their emulation. And all agreeing on one thing that he is indeed a remarkable man.

WAYSIDE EVANGELIST

Of Uniontown, Pa., Announces He Will
Come to Clarksburg Sunday and
Preach on the Streets.

Alex Dittmore, the wayside evangelist, of Uniontown, Pa., writes the Daily Telegram that he will preach on the streets of Clarksburg on Sunday with permission of the mayor of the city. Mayor Crile has not been asked about the permit as yet but says if the evangelist conducts his preaching services with propriety and not cause any disorder on the streets there will be no objection on the part of the city officers. If the wayside evangelist raises any rumpus like old Sam Bettles, the cowboy preacher did in this city some time ago, he will not be allowed to do any street preaching.

ADDITIONAL DINNER

At the Waldo Hotel Will Be Served at
the Waldo on Sundays, Begin-
ning March 20.

There are to be two table d' hote dinners Sundays at the Waldo hotel instead of one as heretofore. Colonel Keeler, the proprietor, makes this change for the benefit of the traveling public and the many Clarksburg patrons of the hotel in particular. The dinner on Sundays heretofore have been at the noon hour, lasting from 12 to 3 o'clock. Beginning Sunday, March 20, they will be served from 12 to 2:30 o'clock and in the evening from 6 to 7:30, the latter being the dinner added by the change. These dinners will doubtless prove very popular and the additional dinner will be appreciated highly.

INTRODUCING MINING STOCK.

W. E. Hurd is here from Portland, Oregon, representing the United Exploration Company and the Smuggler Gold Mining Company, with offices at Columbus, Ohio. The occasion of his coming here is to interest West Virginians in his company's properties along the Pacific coast, which are said to be very valuable.

MR. HAMMOND CURED.

Rev. J. A. Hammond, of Adamston, and his father, Joseph Hammond, of Lambert's Run, are back from Cincinnati, where the latter underwent treatment for rupture. He thinks he comes home cured. But since coming home he has had a bad case of grip and Friday his condition was such that his life was despaired of. He is better now.

BIG CLASS INITIATED

Eighteen Candidates Rode the Goat at
the Regular Meeting of the Knights
of the Maccabees Friday Evening

The local tent of Knights of Maccabees had a big time at the regular meeting held in the Knights of Pythias hall on Friday night. A class of eighteen candidates was initiated into the mysteries of the order. This is about the largest class of candidates that has been initiated into one lodge at one time in Clarksburg for a long while. The initiation was an unusually interesting one. On account of the large number two extra goats had been procured for the occasion in order that each candidate would get what he was entitled to.

The class consisted of Clark Ray, C. C. Price, T. A. Congleton, N. S. Ginsburgh, J. E. Rohrbough, E. W. Sullivan, William Jett, C. W. Wonycott, C. E. Brown, W. R. Cable, G. Dewitt, H. L. Brooke, W. Gaylord L. Hoge, Jr., E. M. Goodman, J. B. Crawford, Hattie Holden and Fred W. Gilbert.

BRITT WINS FIGHT

FOUGHT CORBETT TO THE END OF
TWENTY ROUNDS BEFORE
HE GOT IT.

Hardest Fought-Battle Ever Seen on the
Pacific Coast—Eight Thousand People
Witnessed the Contest.

Woodward's Pavilion, San Francisco, Cal., March 26—Britt won the decision over Corbett last night in the twentieth round after the hardest fought battle ever seen on the coast, and fought out to a decision in the presence of eight thousand people, while an equal number, anxious to enter the building were not enabled to obtain even an entrance.

The first round was fought without result, but Britt had a slight advantage. Corbett had a slight lead in the second round. The third round was Corbett's. Corbett had also much the better of it in the fourth round. Britt had a shade the better in the fifth round. In the sixth honors were even. The seventh was also even. The eighth was even. Corbett got the ninth. The tenth was hard fought with both on the same footing. Corbett got the next round. At the end of the twelfth it was an even fight. Corbett was ahead in the thirteenth. They wanted to come to blows of the real sort in the fourteenth. Both were mad. Corbett got the fifteenth. Britt was hit hard in the sixteenth but was ahead. Corbett fought wild in the next and Britt got the round by a wide margin. The eighteenth was terrific and closed in favor of Britt. The nineteenth was all Britt's round. Corbett was weak in the last round and badly punished. Britt did most of the landing and the round ended in a fierce mix-up. Britt was then awarded the decision.

BALL TO BE GIVEN BY TRADES ASSEMBLY

The Trades and Labor Council met Friday night with a good attendance. The only business of importance to the general public done was the decision to give a grand ball the night of Wednesday April 13. The place has not yet been definitely decided on, owing to the uncertainty of the weather. C. P. Dallas was appointed a committee on music. William Barth and Mr. Dallas on place and Frank Peck and William McGowan on printing.

McKELVEY OIL COMPANY WILL DRILL MORE WELLS

Isaac M. Kelley returned Saturday morning from Ritchie county, where he spent several days looking after the oil property of the McKelvey Oil Company in which he is largely interested. The company has several producing wells and is arranging to drill several more the coming summer. It has territory enough for two hundred more wells.

AN EASTER WEDDING.

A well known admirer of the turf has gone beyond that stage, forgetting all about the race track, and will embark shortly on the sea of matrimony, probably leading to the hymeneal altar on Easter one of Clarksburg's fairest daughters. They will go to New York to spend the honeymoon, and should there be any hurdle races on at that time, they will take them in.

GOES TO BENWOOD.

J. L. Cunningham, until recently with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad police force leaves this city Sunday for Benwood where he has accepted a position as police on the Benwood Steel Company's force. He will work under Captain Short, late of the B. & O. force.

TORNADO

SWEEPS OVER THE ISLAND OF
MAURITIUS, THE BRITISH COL-
ONY IN INDIAN OCEAN.

**TWENTY-FOUR PERSONS KNOWN
TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY
THE STORM.**

The Tornado Occurred Throughout the
Island and Thousands Are Without
Either Food or Shelter.

By Associated Press.

Port Louis, Mauritius Island, March 26—A tornado swept this island on March 21 and 22, did enormous damage. Twenty-four persons are known to have been killed.

Thousands are without food or shelter.

TWO PLACES RAIDED

At Salem Friday Evening by Constables
and Dudley Pomeroy and B. F. John-
ston Were Arrested For Selling
Intoxicants Illegally.

Constable U. C. Edgell and Special Constable Ira Edgell went to Salem Friday evening and raided the speakeasy in the Duff and Hart building and Dudley Pomeroy's place.

In the Duff and Hart place the officers found the bar tender in charge and placed him under arrest. He gave his name as B. F. Johnston, but he is more familiarly known as "Old Kentucky." Dudley Pomeroy was arrested in his place and was required to appear before Magistrate Samuel W. Gordon Monday morning for a hearing. Johnston was brought to Clarksburg by the officers, and taken before the magistrate who bound him over to circuit court in the sum of \$200. He gave bond and was released from custody.

The officers seized a lot of beer in the Duff and Hart place and had it shipped to this city where it will be placed in the basement of the court house to be disposed of by order of the prosecuting attorney.

The warrants the constables acted on contained the charge of "selling and distributing intoxicants within the prohibitory distance of a place of public worship."

SEMIANNUAL BAZAAR

Will Be Given by the Ladies Aid Society
of Goff Methodist Church.

On March 31 the Ladies Aid Society of the Goff Methodist Episcopal Church will hold its semi-annual bazaar. Heretofore these events have been of a very successful nature, and as the ladies have a very attractive assortment of fancy ware it is safe to say that the sale will be a success.

The Epworth League will serve ice cream, cake and coffee at the bazaar. Mrs. Harvey Harmer, the fourth vice-president, will have charge of the refreshments and will be assisted by the young ladies of the league. A pleasant evening is in store for all who can arrange to attend.

BIG FIRE IN NEW YORK

Express Office and Detective Agency De-
stroyed—Occupants Removed
By Ladders.

New York, March 26—The several story building from 57 to 61 Broadway is on fire. It contains the Adams American, Morris and Wells-Fargo express offices, and the Pincerton detective agency. Occupants of the upper floors were removed by ladders. The building is supposed to be doomed.

The fire is confined to Nos. 59 and 61, and is under control. Buildings at 57 and 63 Broadway suffered from water. The fire started in the basement and so far as is known only one person, a fireman, was injured during the fire.

PATRIOTIC

Order of Sons of America Take Ten New
Members Into the Camp at Meet-
ing Friday Night.

At the meeting of the Patriotic Order Sons of America Friday night ten candidates were received into the camp. There were also several applications which were not acted upon. Those admitted were L. K. Richards, J. L. Richards, E. W. Laubenstein, J. C. Copeman, G. M. Ellis, Robert Lybarger, H. C. Thompson, A. H. Garrett James Bowen and S. E. Boggers. The members of the camp will apply for a charter in a few days.

ATTRACTING IMPROVEMENTS

Made at Stone & Mercer's Drug Store,
Adding Much to Appearance as Well
as Making it Very Convenient.

Stone & Mercer, the Third street druggists, have made many improvements to their store room and the place is transformed into one of much attractiveness. First they put in a new front, changing the door from the side to the middle and putting in fine large windows. And the interior improvements have been modern and expensive. They have installed all new side shelving and cases and prescription case, all of quartered oak and an up to date soda fountain of the Lippincott make. Other minor improvements have also been made and the store is now one of the prettiest in the city. These very enterprising druggists are receiving the congratulations of their numerous patrons on the beauty of their store.

SPRING INSPECTION

OF COMPANY K, WEST VIRGINIA
NATIONAL GUARDS WILL BE
HELD ON APRIL 18.

State Inspecting Officer Simms Will Visit
Clarksburg Armory on That Date—
Expected That Company Will
Make Fine Showing.

Company K, First Regiment, West Virginia National Guards, will be inspected at the armory in this city on Monday evening, April 18, at 7:30 o'clock by Colonel Charles N. Simms, Lieutenant Colonel of the Second Regiment, and the State inspecting officer, Captain Lynn Osborne, having received notice to that effect from the Adjutant General.

Colonel Simms has submitted his schedule for the regular spring inspection to the Adjutant General and the same has been approved. He will be in Fairmont on April 15, coming there from Terra Alta. He remains there until the 18th, coming from there to this city. He will go from here to Sutton and Morgantown to inspect the companies at those places.

Company K is in fine shape and its inspection will no doubt cause the inspecting officer to carry back a good report on the condition of the company to Charleston.

No excuse will be accepted for absence from this inspection, except serious illness or the most unavoidable circumstances; enlisted men too much indisposed to drill but able to get about and those who can only get away from their employment for part of the time of inspection, must report at the armory and get excused. Summary court of peers will impose the full \$5.00 fine on all those reported as absent without leave.

WILL BE TAKEN TO HOME FOR INCURABLES

Alice Howell, an inmate of the county infirmary will be taken to the State Home for the Incurables at Huntington the first of next week by Sheriff Fleming. The papers for her commitment are being prepared. She is an idiot and was admitted to the county institution from Wilsonburg about four months ago.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued as follows:
William Ora Adams and Andra Bell.
Melvin C. Hardman and Artie G. Fittre.
John Wolfe and Jessie Nutter.
Arden Loy and Artie M. Lee.

APPROACHING COLORED WEDDING.

Alex Henderson, colored, has issued invitations for the wedding of his sister, Miss Lulu Henderson, and John W. Strange, Jr., which will occur in Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, Thursday evening, April 7, at 8:30 o'clock, and which is expected to be an event of much brilliancy among the colored people. The bridegroom to be is a trusted employee at the Traders hotel.

FILLS PULPIT AT WESTON.

Rev. James F. Plummer, rector of Christ Episcopal church, will fill the pulpit of the Episcopal church at Weston Sunday evening on account of the illness of Rev. Mr. Griman. Upon this account there will be no evening services at Christ church chapel in the afternoon or at Christ church in the evening Sunday. The regular morning services will be held, however.

Farnest L. Pigott, who has announced himself a candidate for the Republican nomination for assessor in the lower district, was a business visitor here Saturday.

BEAUTIEUL PICTURES

Presented Broadus Institute For the
Dining Room by Mr. Stromstead—
Other Broadus Notes.

G. F. Stromstead, who did part of the decorating at the Waldo hotel, has painted a half dozen beautiful and appropriate pictures, framed them and donated them to Broadus Institute for the dining room of that institution. The management, faculty and students appreciate the gift very much and hereby express their thanks.

Miss Alice Simmons, a member of the faculty, has gone to Buckhannon to spend Sunday.

Miss Laura D. Moore, another member of the faculty, has gone to Philippi to see her brother, who is at home the first time in two years. He is attending Columbia University, in New York.

EPWORTHIANS OF STATE

Will Meet Here in Annual Conference at
Invitation of League of Goff Chapel.

The annual conference of the State Epworth League will be held in Goff Memorial Methodist Episcopal church here July 12 to 14, inclusive. The league of the church extended the invitation at its meeting Friday night and the same was accepted by the president of the State organization, who was present at the meeting. The meeting will bring at least two hundred delegates and many other visitors and will prove an important gathering for Clarksburg. The Telegram extends a hearty welcome in advance.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Transfers of real estate are noted in the county clerk's office as follows:
John C. Long, trustee, to Theodore Reichert, 1 lot, Point Comfort.

Park Coal Company to Anthony Lightner, 1 lot, Summit Park.

Lelia B. Flowers to A. O. Flowers, 2 lots, Stealey addition, city.

A. O. Flowers to E. N. Flowers, 2 lots, Stealey addition city.

W. F. Harbert to S. I. Rutter, 37.20 acres, Rock Camp, Sardis district.

A. A. Stout to Jasper C. Rutter, 67 acres, Tennille district.

VIOLENTLY CRAZY

Is James Ryan, Who Was Brought From
Salem and Taken to Weston.

James Ryan, aged 52 years, was adjudged insane by Magistrate James Bunnard, at Salem, Friday evening, and he was brought here that night by Constables Sutton and Traugh and taken to the Lewis county jail to await the action of the authorities at the asylum on the papers in the case. He is violent and had to be chained to the car seat as they brought him in from Salem.

WEDDING AT WILSONBURG.

Miss Katherine Miller and Mr. Marcelus Pell were quietly married at the home of the bride near Wilsonburg Friday evening at eight o'clock. The groom resides in Ross county, Ohio. The bride is well and popularly known in this county. Many friends extend hearty congratulations to the newly married couple for a happy and prosperous married life.

TRAIN RUNS INTO SLIDE

Engine and Four Cars Derailed and
Smashed Some But No One
Is Injured.

A land slide occurred just west of the watch tower at the depot here some time Friday mid-night and about three o'clock a west bound freight train ran into it. The engine and four cars were derailed and considerably smashed. The work of clearing the track and getting the engine and cars back on the rails began at once and the crews worked diligently several hours. All early morning trains were delayed, but the track was finally gotten in shape and trains are running as usual. Fortunately none of the trainmen were injured.

SUMMER STREET CARS CONSUMED BY FLAMES

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 26—The Hewitt avenue car barn of the Cincinnati Traction Company burned at four o'clock this morning. Thirty summer cars were consumed. The loss is \$200,000, covered by insurance.

LYNCHING

OF DR. EATON, RAPIST, BY INFUR-
GATED CROWDS, ALMOST CAME
TO PASS AT PARKERSBURG

**MEN AND WOMEN GREATLY EX-
CITED OVER HEINOUS CRIME
COMMITTED ON YOUNG GIRL**

**Mobs Gather at the Jail But No One
Took Initiative—Victim in Awful
Condition But May Recover—
Accused Denies Crime**

Special to the Telegram.

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 26—A lynching was narrowly averted here last night. Men and women constituted a mob that found a man calling himself Dr. Franklin S. Eaton, of Baltimore, yesterday evening late, covered with leaves and brush, cowering from an angry crowd of men that followed him with the determination to answer the charge of criminal assault on Lenora, the eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moorehead, residing in the suburbs of the city. Boys in the crowd fustigated him with stones, but the men used presence of mind and at pistol points he was taken to the office of a magistrate. The accused was so badly that he walked with difficulty.

Mr. Moorehead, the father of the little girl informed the magistrate that the child's condition was so serious that she could not come to the office to identify her alleged assailant. The man was then taken to the county jail where he will be kept, closely guarded, until the child is able to appear in court.

The father and mother of the little girl are almost heart-broken because of yesterday's occurrence, and the former, while making complaint to the officers, wept like a child and could not be pacified.

Later in the evening, after the accused had been taken to the jail, and the news of the heinous crime that had been committed had become circulated in the city, there was considerable excitement, and at nearly every corner could be heard some one suggesting "let's lynch the scoundrel."

Several crowds of men congregated at the street corner and talked over the horrible crime that had been committed and a number of them were heard saying they would help pull the rope and hang the man.

"My home is wherever I happen to be," answered Eaton to an interrogation about himself and his place of residence. Later he said he was from Baltimore, and that in the recent fire in that city he had lost \$30,000, as the conflagration destroyed his "big" offices on East Baltimore street, and all their contents, valued at the figure he mentioned. He admitted that he had been on South side and that he thought a serious crime had been committed, of which the little girl was the victim, but that he was not guilty of it. He said he went into the stone quarry on upper Lubeck avenue and as he seeped behind a big rock he saw a man emerging and he followed. Then he saw the little girl for the first time.

GOLF CLUB OFFICERS

Elected Friday Night in Rooms on Pin-
nickinick Club For the
Ensuing Year.

The Golf club held its annual meeting in the rooms of the Pinnickinick club Friday night and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:
G. G. Oliver, president.
C. J. Goff, vice president.
W. H. Lewis, secretary.
J. B. Hart, treasurer.

HEPTASOPHS

Will Initiate Large Class of Candidates
at Meeting to be Held in G. A. R.
Hall Monday Night.

Between fifteen and twenty candidates will be initiated into the Clarksburg lodge of Improved Order of Heptasophs at a meeting to be held in the G. A. R. hall Monday night next, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. This big class is the result of the work of Deputy Organizer Reed, who has been in Clarksburg for the past two weeks working up the membership. The meeting will be one of extraordinary interest as important matter will come up for consideration besides the initiation of the candidates. All members are requested to be on hand at the opening hour.

POLICE COURT.

Two plain drunks were given trial by Mayor Crile at the regular session of police court Saturday morning. Both were fined three dollars and costs. One paid up and was released and the other went to jail for three days.